

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on November 10, 2015 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Mark Raymond, Clerk
Chris Lyons
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate

Members Absent: Jennifer Wolf
John Aforismo, Alternate
Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Raymond read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on October 29, 2015.

APPLICATION NO. 4448-15. Kathryn Whitacre seeks to replace the existing asphalt shingle roofing with Certainteed Landmark Pro shingles in the color Cobblestone Gray at 17 Wilcox Street.

Kathryn Whitaker, 17 Wilcox Street, appeared before the Commission. A sample was provided. They will be using DiGiorgi Roofing. They will be using a Certainteed Landmark Pro shingle in the color Cobblestone Gray. They will use copper flashing.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4449-15. Power Home Remodeling Group seeks to replace (8) windows in the sunroom additional and to replace three (3) sets of shutters on the front of the house at 87 Harmund Place.

Denise and Kurt Griffith, 87 Harmund Place, and Tyler Cote, Power Home Remodeling Group, 2501 Seaport Drive, Chester, PA, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace 8 windows in the sunroom on the back in the same dimensions. Samples were provided. They will be using a slider instead of a casement window. The three part slider will be the same windows with a stationary center window. They will be using a PVC coil for the wraparound. They will also replace two basement windows, one in the back and one on the side, with glass block windows. They would like to replace the shutters in the design submitted in the color Wedgewood Blue.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4450-15. NRG Home Solar seeks to install a roof mounted solar panel system consisting of nine (9) panels and associated mechanicals at 27 Center Street.

Application was withdrawn by homeowner, Brandon Doherty, via written correspondence dated November 2, 2015.

APPLICATION NO. 4451-15. April Brackett seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4184-15 to retain the design changes as follows: 1) basement window configuration of one (1) instead of the proposed (2); 2) straight siding was placed on the second story window bump out instead of a panel design; and 3) installation of lighting on the second story bump out window at 66 Center Street.

Gary Beaulieu, 75 Caissan Road, Colchester, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. They only installed one basement window because there was only one opening in the foundation on the one specific side. On the bumpout, they changed the siding to match the material used on the other bumpout. They added motion sensor lighting on the bumpout. The vents were painted to match the house.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4452-15. Jennifer Kelly and Lee Hurn seek to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4437-15 to change the screens from full screens to ½ screens on the replacement windows at 94 Garden Street.

Jennifer Kelly and Lee Hurn, 94 Garden Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to use half screens instead of full screens. They haven't decided on the screen color yet.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Ovian, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

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Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that they have an extensive list of pre-approved shingles. This was a very thoughtful application.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that this has very minimal impact on the District.

Commissioner Garrey stated that they are porch windows. They read very similarly to the casements that are there now.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the modifications worked out well.

Commissioner Raymond stated that it keeps everything consistent.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

APPLICATION NO. 4452-15. Jennifer Kelly and Lee Hurn seek to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4437-15 to change the screens from full screens to ½ screens on the replacement windows at 94 Garden Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The screens shall be ½ screens in either silver aluminum or virtually invisible materials.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the windows will be more visible.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

Abstain: Garrey

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015

The minutes will be reviewed/approved at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District

Billye Logan, 318 Hartford Avenue, discussed concerns with the Trinity Church application and the copper gutters.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond
- Clerk -